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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
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ANSWERED ON
SHORTFALL IN AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION .

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Will the Minister of COALCOAL AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) how far the drought conditions in different drought affected districts have been neutralized by the delayed monsoon this year; and
- (b) how far the agricultural yield is likely to fall short of the targets and a comparison of the yield with the yield of past three seasons?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
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(a): Government of India has taken various measures to neutralize impending situation of delayed monsoon which, inter-alia, are constitution of an Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) to review the condition and take appropriate decisions to counter the impact of deficit rainfall; providing assistance to the States to salvage the standing Kharif crops through providing additional power, diesel subsidy, etc; increasing the area under Rabi cultivation to compensate for likely loss in Kharif; increasing upper ceiling of distribution subsidy on certified seeds under Government of India programmes; providing assistance from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/ National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to the affected States for agriculture input subsidy and other relief measures etc; and regular review with all concerned Central Ministries/ Departments and State Governments. Central Teams have visited drought affected States and based on their recommendations, the Government has approved a total assistance of Rs.4073.785 crore from NCCF so far and also released Rs.1990.3275 crore to these States as the Central Government's share under CRF. The assistance provided from NCCF as well as CRF includes assistance to be provided to farmers including small and marginal farmers affected by drought.

(b):1. Being less rainfall year the 1st Advance production Estimate for major Kharif Crops have been reported less by States, Situation may improve in subsequent estimates.

2. Yield comparison statement for the years 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 and 1st Advance Estimates (2009-10) is as follows;

Crops Yield (Kg/hectare)

	2006 - 07	2007 - 08	2008 - 09	2009 - 10
Rice	2086	2278	2081	1970
Coarse Cereals	1144	1410	1357	1109
Other Kharif Pulses	449	557	382	268